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Please amend the specification as described in the attached specification amendment.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-7, 9, 13, 14, 16-20 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wong in view of Peterson. Claims 8 and 21 were rejected as being unpatentable further in view of Tallent. Claims 10-12 and 23-25 were rejected as being unpatentable further in view of Cho '343.

In response, additional limitations were added to claims 1 and 13 regarding how the fabric member is attached to the main member and the base member. The added limitations are disclosed on lines 14-25, page 7 and lines 1 and 2, page 8 of the original specification and Figs. 3 and 4 of the original drawings, and are not new matter. The specification was also amended in line with the claim amendment. Claims 3 and 16 were amended to include 'the patch', which was eliminated in the amended claims 1 and 13.

The added limitation in the amended claims 1 and 13 is as follows:

"wherein the fabric member front section is connected near to the upper end of the main member and the fabric member non-front section is selectively attached near to the rear end of the base member non-front section with the connecting member or detached from the base member non-front section whereby the fabric member is selectively pulled diagonally between the main member and the base member, or becomes draped toward the first closed loop."

The invention claimed in the amended claims 1 and 13 is neither disclosed nor implied in the cited references. Peterson discloses a flexible target sheet 50 that is supported in upright forwardly facing relation within an enclosure 24. While Peterson discloses hooks 52 that attach corners of the target sheet to a support frame, it only discloses schemes that hold the target sheet 50 in an upright position. Fig. 4 shows that the target sheet 50 may be supported in one position selected from a plurality of front to back spaced apart positions. All of the three positions illustrated are upright. Peterson also discloses meshed side walls 28, 30 and a rear wall 24.

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In contrast, the present invention described in the amended claims 1 and 13 does not need a separate wall like Peterson's. The fabric member 28 is assembled in one of the two selectable positions.

In one position, the fabric member 28 is pulled diagonally between the main member and the base member by connecting the fabric member front section 30 near to the upper end of the main member 12 and attaching the fabric member non-front section 32 near to the rear end of the base member non-front section 26 with the connecting member 34. In this position, the fabric member 28 forms a diagonal wall that can be used for soccer ball catching in soccer ball games or ball kicking practice (Please refer to Fig. 3 and lines 16-20, page 7.).

In the other position, the fabric member 28 becomes draped toward the first closed loop 14 by connecting the fabric member front section 30 near to the upper end of the main member 12 and detaching the fabric member non-front section 32 from the base member non-front section 26. In this position, the fabric member 28 serves to efficiently stop, for example, the flight of a baseball (Please refer to Fig. 4 and lines 20-25, page 7 and lines 1 and 2, page 8.).

The connecting member 34 is provided to improve product applicability as explained above rather than to facilitate replacing the fabric member 28 (Please refer to lines 14 and 15, page 7.).

As explained above, the cited reference neither disclose nor imply a fabric member that can be selectively used as a diagonally fastened wall or a draped ball stopper by simply attaching or detaching with a connecting member. The portable net device 10 of the present invention serves dual purposes with the selectable engaging of the fabric member 28 with the base member 20, and a single fabric member suffices the two purposes.

Claim 26 was added to claim a variation, which is supported by Figs. 1, 3, 4 and 7 of the original drawings.

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CONCLUSION

The applicant believes that the rejections were obviated by the amendment of claims, and the application is now in condition for allowance; therefore, reexamination, reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectively requested. If there are any additional comments or requirements from the examination, the applicant asks for a non-final office action.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication, or credit any over-payment to Deposit Account No. 16-0310.

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